



The Barnesville Lantern

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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).

The Pastor's Spotlight

Just recently I had the true joy of being reconnected to a lifelong friend. Robert and I grew up together in Frederick, MD. We were very close and were always looking out for each other. Then I moved away, we lost contact, and the years went by as we grew up and raised our families. I tried to find him time and again over the last 30 years but was not successful in locating him until several days ago. Last Sunday, Robert came to worship with us here at BBC and I was overjoyed to see my friend and for him to see how God has been working in my life over the past three decades. I was similarly excited to hear how my friend Robert also has been used by God to help so many people in his life. I am so thankful to God for allowing us to come together again after all these years and to praise God together.

Just as God is faithful to take care of us as we go through our lives with all their twists and turns, God wants us as His followers and believers to be faithful to let our light shine for Jesus so that the world around us can see our witness and recognize God's hand of guidance and protection on our lives. *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16).

The story of Joseph in *Genesis* is filled with lessons for us as believers in Jesus. While in Egypt, Joseph was trusted by Potiphar with his household and then Pharaoh with his kingdom. Joseph was the same man in word and deed when Potiphar and the Pharaoh were absent as when they were present. Joseph's heart of honesty, integrity, and faithfulness reflected the faithfulness of God through his everyday life, in times of both blessing and adversity. God was pleased with Joseph because he let his light of love, compassion, and faithfulness shine brightly to everyone that he encountered.

Think about your life today. How faithful are you to God and to the ones you love? How trustworthy are you? Let the light of Jesus love shine brightly in your life for all to see just how faithful God is. This Thanksgiving season I am thankful for my wife, family, and lifelong friends that always show how faithful they are to you, whether near or far. God is so good.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Events

November 4 Business Meeting
November 21 Baptist Men's Meeting
November 23 Deacons' Meeting
November 25 Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 26 Thanksgiving, Church Office closed



"...I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree..." (Luke 13:7).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

As I write this column, it is Halloween. I remember back to when I was a kid and stuffing scarecrows with hay, carving pumpkins, and dressing up to go trick-or-treating as Zorro, He-Man, Robin Hood, and other fictional characters and superheroes with amazing abilities and magical powers. As much fun as Halloween was, I knew that the fairy tales and legends I read in books or saw in the movies weren't real.

When it comes to the spiritual and miraculous claims of the Bible, we believe in them because we believe in God. The Creator and Maker of heaven and earth, His ability to do what is otherwise impossible is what separates the amazing assertions of Scripture from fantasy and superstition. At the core of our Christian belief is that Jesus Christ died and was bodily resurrected by the power of God. If that wasn't real, then things like Noah's Flood, walking on water, or feeding the 5,000 with fishes and loaves don't even matter. We know that every living thing dies, and when medical skill can't heal or resuscitate there is no way to bring the dead back to life. And yet the core of our belief and faith is that God, because He is God, was able to override the laws of nature and the physical world and bring Jesus back to life and health in the same body in which He died. And if that is true, then it isn't that hard to believe God can do anything else He wants to do with and in the universe He created: He can create anything out of nothing, heal what is hurt, mend what is broken, restore what is lost, and make the impossible real. *"Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too difficult for You"* (Jeremiah 32:7).

God created a world of logic, order, and complexity; as mankind has studied and learned to better understand its design and function, we have benefitted from those laws of science and technology. We have built cities full of gleaming skyscrapers, assembled a worldwide Internet to communicate with others anywhere in mere seconds, and even launched space probes to visit other planets. *"What is man that You are mindful of him...? ...You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands..."* (Psalm 8:4-6). As much as we believe in the physical aspects of the world, there is also a spiritual and even a supernatural dimension to reality. Neither myth nor metaphor, angels and demons and heaven and hell are just as real as things that we can see and touch. *"For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal"* (II Corinthians 4:18).

We believe in God not because He's a nice concept that helps us get through trials and struggles, but because He's really real. And because God is really real, His promises are true and His power can be felt and experienced. As Jesus explained to Nicodemus in *John 3:8*, *"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit"*. With faith, our invisible God's presence in our lives is just as real and tangible as the natural world we live in. Indeed, there will come a day when, as the hymn says, our "faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend". All the physical world around us shall melt away and all that shall be left is God and His people.

Biblical Symbols #2 Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 symbols with the biblical people, groups, or concepts they represent? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. animal skins for Adam & Eve | A. sorrow |
| 2. baptism | B. Bible |
| 3. barren fig tree | C. resurrection |
| 4. beast | D. rewards |
| 5. building | E. Christ |
| 6. cornerstone | F. uncleanness |
| 7. Elijah | G. Kingdom of Heaven |
| 8. field | H. judgment |
| 9. leprosy | I. atonement |
| 10. rushing wind | J. Israel |
| 11. sackcloth | K. John the Baptist |
| 12. salt | L. Antichrist |
| 13. silver | M. Holy Spirit |
| 14. sower of weeds | N. the Tribulation |
| 15. tares | O. believers |
| 16. the Flood | P. false religion |
| 17. the Sabbath | Q. apostates |
| 18. Tower of Babel | R. the Millennium |
| 19. white stone | S. the Church |
| 20. white throne | T. Satan |

Biblical Symbols #2 Word Search

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S D E E W F O R E W O S B M
L R A K N E K L Q R R A V C
X E L N L O E S E F R J O J
W B B I I P T V A R L R B R
R H J A R M L S E B N O U R
H A I O B I A N E E B S O M
H T S T S F F L R T H A G D
T Y O S E I O S S I I N T B
X S A L G T T R N K I H A H
T L A T C O H G E D I P W F
T A R E N K W R L W T N I Z
N E R E B I C I O I O E S J
E W R E N T U A S N L T L B
K W P D S B B M S D E Y L R
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Word Bank: animal skins, baptism, barren fig tree, beast, building, cornerstone, Elijah, field, Flood, leprosy, rushing wind, Sabbath, sackcloth, salt, silver, sower of weeds, tares, Tower of Babel, white stone, white throne

November Birthdays

- 4 Laura Luhn Hiatt, Matt Burriss
5 Randy Gilliam
6 Sam Berry
12 Cris Driver
16 Sherry Morrison
22 Michelle Ennis
23 Kitty Cooley
26 Joyce Dunn
27 Margie Stream
29 Connie Connelly



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the 149th Annual Business Meeting:

- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2021 was adopted; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 8. The Finance Cmte. will present the 2021 Church Budget at the December business meeting.
- The Church approved the recommendations of the Select Committee on Nominations for 2020-2022 committee members and church officers, who began their two-year terms on Oct. 8.

Expected at the 149th Annual Business Meeting:

- The Internal Administration Cmte. will make a motion to increase the Pastor Insurance BLI by \$500.

Prayer Concerns

Cortland "Pop" Moore, broken ribs

Nick Cole

Jesse Yates

the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.

Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Bilyie Luhn, Dot Fowler, Gene

Bennett, Hisle Beach, Janet Magruder, Ollie

Baumbaugh, Linda Roberts, Margie Stream, Paul &

Trudy Meissner, Phoebe Rogers, Ralph Cooley, Rebecca

Umstead, Susan Rice

Cancer patients: Sam Berry, prostate cancer; Gail

Palestine; Joe Williams, Bob & Stephanie Runkles'

granddaughter, Amathy, breast cancer

Our missionary friends Matt & Ellen Zell (Honduras)



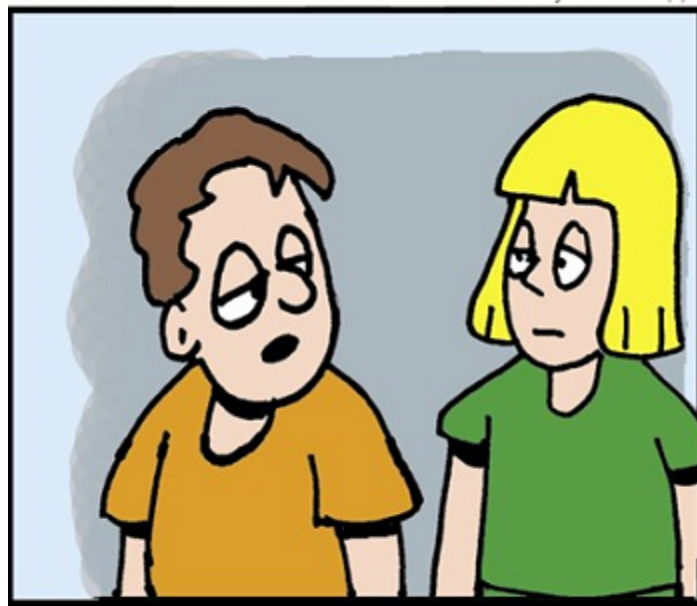
*"The LORD is righteous in
all His ways,
Gracious in all His works.
The LORD is near to all
who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him
in truth.
He will fulfill the desire of
those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry
and save them"
(Psalm 145:17-19).*

Biblical Symbols #2 Scramble Answers

1. **I** (Genesis 3:21); 2. **C** (Romans 6:2-10); 3. **J** (Luke 13:6);
4. **L** (Revelation 13:1); 5. **S** (I Corinthians 3:9); 6. **E** (I Peter
2:6); 7. **K** (Mark 6:14-20); 8. **G** (Matthew 13); 9. **F**
(Leviticus 13:44); 10. **M** (Acts 2:1-2); 11. **A** (Esther 4:1); 12.
O (Matthew 5:13); 13. **B** (Psalm 12:6); 14. **T** (Matthew
13:39); 15. **Q** (Matthew 13:30); 16. **N** (Genesis 6-8); 17. **R**
(Exodus 20:8-11); 18. **P** (Genesis 11:1-9); 19. **D** (Revelation
2:17); 20. **H** (Revelation 20:11).

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"My ears are still ringing! Next Sunday I'm sitting in the 'no clapping' section!"

News You Can Use

Christmas project. This year, Barnesville Baptist and several other churches will again be sponsoring low-income children through Northeast Baptist Church's Birthday Party for Jesus program. The children we are helping live in the poorest part of Baltimore and will not otherwise receive any Christmas gifts. Northeast Baptist delivers a strong Gospel message along with the presents. Please see Mary Yates to be assigned one of the 25 kids BBC has pledged to help. The wrapped gifts are due by Sunday, Dec. 6 and should be put in a larger gift bag so they don't get separated. See the insert in the Nov. 1 worship bulletin for additional details.

Daylight savings ends. At 2:00 am on Sunday, Nov. 1, we revert to Eastern Standard Time. Fall back one hour and reset your clocks or you may show up to church early!

Events and activities schedule. The annual Thanksgiving Eve service will be held as usual. The fall church clean-up day will not be held. The calendar planning meeting normally held this time of year will be held when we are able to schedule regular activities again. This year, we will not hold a Christmas party or parsonage open house due to lack of available facilities and coronavirus health and safety rules. While there won't be a Christmas cantata, a slimmed-down musical program will be given on Sunday, Dec. 20. We will hold a Christmas card exchange so you can share holiday greetings with your church family; a mailbox will be set up in the church vestibule. The annual candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held on Thursday, Dec. 24.

Thanksgiving Eve service. A special service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7:00 pm to thank the Lord for all His many blessings and kindnesses even in this difficult and unusual year. This is a great way to start the holiday season by focusing on all that we do have.

MBA annual meeting report. Three BBC messengers, as members of the host church, attended the 85th Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held at BBC on Sunday, Oct. 13. A new church received full membership affiliation. Retiring MBA treasurer Leonard Raymo was recognized for his decades of service.

Missions love offering. In the absence of a VBS offering and state missions offering this year, an in-gathering will be held for our missionary friends Matthew & Ellen Zell serving in Honduras and Manuel & Cindy Batres working in Guatemala. On Sunday, Nov. 1, we will have a special time of prayer for their ministries. You will be able to learn more about these missionaries through videos and pictures. Offerings can be brought on the 1st or sent by mail or online.



Row 1: Rev. Ron Blankenship speaking at the virtual MBA meeting held at BBC, Choir Director Nita Roff conducting the congregational hymns, Gary Cooley singing "Looking for a City". Row 2: Pastor Danny Moore preaching. Row 3: Barbara Swank receiving a meal delivered to BBC seniors, Ann Bennett and Bill Caudell presenting the Children's Story; Row 4: the Baptist Men enjoying fellowship and good food at Roy Leibrand's. Row 5: Deacons in action: Lee Michael delivering the morning announcements, Luke Fedders live-streaming the MBA annual meeting, and David Bennett praying. Row 6: the Baptist Men social-distancing around the Beast Feast bonfire.